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SUBJECT: POPPY CULTIVATION AND POLITICS

1.DURING PAST WEEK EKSPRES, WHICH GENERALLY
SUPPORTS JP LINE, HAS PUBLISHED FIVE PART SERIES ON
EFFECTS OF OPIUM BAN ON FORMER OPIUM GROWING AREA.
ARTICLES ARE BASED ON RECENT UNION OF CHAMBERS OF
AGRICULTURE REPORT AND INTERVIEWS WITH VILLAGERS AND
ARE DESIGNED TO EVOKE SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF
THE FORMER PRODUCERS AND POLITICAL PRESSURE FOR
THE RESUMPTION OF CULTIVATION. ARTICLES ARE REplete
WITH UNSUBSTANTIATED ASSETIONS OF CATASTROPHIC

EFFECTS OF OUTLAWING CULTIVATION OF CROP WHICH HAS
SUSTAINED 400,000 PEOPLE AND THEIR ANCESTORS FOR
5000 YEARS.

2. VILLAIN ROLE IN SERIES IS ASSIGNED JOINTLY TO ERIM
GOVERNMENT AND U.S. -- THE LATTER FOR APPLYING
PRESSURE, THE FORMER FOR SUCCUMMING TO IT. ON THE
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OTHER HAND THE AUTHOR CLAIMS THE VILLAGERS REMEM-

BER DEMIREL AS THE MAN WHO REFUSED TO BOW
TO U.S. PRESSURE.

3. FINAL ARTICLE IN SERIES BELITTLES EFFECT OF BAN
ON ILLEGAL HEROIN TRAFFICE QUOTING A NEWSWEEK
ARTICLE IN WHICH "U.S. NARCOTICS CHIEF" STATES THAT
DESPITE BAN IN TURKEY ADDICTS IN THE U.S. ARE ABLE
TO BUY HEROIN WITH GREAT EASE BECAUSE OF PRODUCTION
IN OTHER COUNTRIES . MURPHY-STEELE STATEMENTS
CONCERNING HEROIN PRODUCTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND
ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THAT TRAFFIC ARE
ALSO INCLUDED. SERIES CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION
THAT SINCE JP OPPOSED THE BAN BEFORE IT WAS
INSTITUTED, CHP HAS OPPOSED SINCE IT WAS INSTITUTED,

AND MSP HAS OPENLY PROMISED TO LIFT BAN, ALL
POLITICAL PARTIES COMMITTED TO RESUMPTION OF
POPPY CULTIVATION, AND THE VILLAGERS ARE ANXIOUSLY
AWAITING THE GOOD NEWS.

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